

Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC)

Legislative Sub-Committee

Revised: December 2009

Issue/Date		Activity Review Date	Expected Outcome	Budget	Outcome Based Performance Measures	Variance	Action Plan to Address Variance	Due Date	Assignment State/Tribe
1	Legislation Monitoring	Annual / Jan.	Be aware of pending legislation	Monitor possible impact	Make referrals to Tribes/RAIOs and IPAC Members	None	None	January through April	Legislative Committee and Tribes/RAIOs
					Make state legislation tribal/RAIO friendly	None	None	Ongoing	IPAC Members and Tribes/RAIOs
2	Legislation Support	Annual / Dec.	Keep current with DSHS legislation	Monitor possible impact	Receive and Distribute list of pending DSHS proposed legislation before and during the legislative session	None	None	December 2008 Dec. 09	Legislative Committee and DSHS Legislative Staff
					Receive and Distribute list of DSHS legislative specialists and meet with them	None	None	December 2008 Dec.09	Legislative Committee and DSHS Legislative Staff Find Legislative Bills at: http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/
3a	Washington Administrative Code (WAC)	Ongoing	Give timely comment on pending changes	Monitor possible impact	Give Tribes more time to make comments	None	None	Ongoing	RPAU at: http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/participate.html
					Assure tribes and IPAC Members are on the distribution lists	None	None	Ongoing	RPAU at: http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/participate.html
					Give Tribes/RAIOs a list of DSHS WAC personnel	None	None	Annually	Legislative Committee and DSHS WAC staff

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3 b	TTANF WAC development	Ongoing	Keep current with implementation		Increase Tribal and RAIOS participation in process				IPAC ESA Subcommittee communicate process and progress with Tribes/RAIOS
4	Coordination	Annual	Cross DSHS coord.	Monitor for impact	Better coordination between divisions on Tribal/RAIO issues	None	None	Ongoing	Legislative Committee and IPAC Executive Committee
4 b	Draft State ICW Act	6/25/09	Awareness and coordination		Increase Participation by Tribes and RAIOS			Ongoing	Refer to IPAC Children's Subcommittee to monitor and communicate with Tribes and RAIOS for participation
4 c	WA State Health Partnership Plan (2SSB5945)	6/25/09	Tribal Participation in appointment process						Refer to HRSA Subcommittee to monitor and communicate with Tribes and RAIOS for participation
5 a	Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)	Annual	Monitor impact on ICW compliance	Monitor possible financial impact	Maintain and improve ICW protections by monitoring proposed legislation	None	None	Ongoing	Legislative Committee and Children's Committee
5 b	Child Welfare System (2SHB2106)	6/25/09	Awareness of Implementation		Increase Participation by Tribes and RAIOS				Referred to IPAC Children's Subcommittee to monitor and communicate with Tribes and RAIOS for participation
6	Budgets and Appropriations	Biennium	Monitor impact on services to tribes	Analyze budget every two years	Provide recommendations to IPAC Executive Committee	None	None	April 2009 April 2010	Legislative Committee and Executive Committee
7	Legislative Training	Annual	Training on legislative process for IPAC Members and Tribal/RAIO reps	Coord. with Gov/Comm. Relations	Increase participation of IPAC Members in legislative process; provide computer practice session to access legislation.	None	None	Oct. 2009	Government and Community Relations and Office of Indian Policy

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Top Two Priorities 1. Legislative link to be developed 2. Furtherance of bills of interest notification 3. Meeting with DSHS ELT and IPAC to set legislative priorities.				Government and Community Relations		http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/legrel/index.shtm		
				Pending Legislation Websites		http://www1.leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/ http://www.leg.wa.gov/lic/documents.htm		
				Pending Regulations Website		http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/participate.html		
				Find your Legislative member website		http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx		

Completed Items

March 2009

1. Budget and Appropriations: Increased appropriations for CA Services; Seek additional funding; Make recommendations for increased and make recommendation to Executive Committee.
Executive Committee will submit request to the Secretary, DSHS; Legislature appropriated an additional funds: \$1,782,000.00
2. Budget and Appropriations: Increased appropriations for DASA Services; Seek additional funding; Make recommendations for increase and make recommendation to Executive Committee. Executive Committee will submit request to the Secretary, DSHS; Legislature appropriated an additional amount of funds: \$1,400,000.00
3. Legislation Monitoring: Influence pending legislation; Monitor possible budget impact; Refer Proposed Legislation REQ: X-0043-1/05 Guardianship, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA); Replenish lost ICW money; Prevent unfunded mandates for tribes participating in PIP; Improve data collection to maximize federal funding for ICW services.
4. Advocate for ICW increases: Advocate for PIP money for tribes; Advocate for better data collection. Draft letter for tribes and IPAC members requesting additional appropriations; Draft letter for tribes requesting money to support tribal participation in Program Improvement Plans (PIP); Draft letter to Secretary requesting analysis of the data system and report options to IPAC.
5. Legislation Support: Keep current with DSHS legislation; Monitor possible budget impact; Send letter to Tribe and form tribal distribution list; Send letter to Tribes and form tribal distribution list for tribal judges and police; *Eliminated*
6. Coordination: Increase Tribal participation; Monitor Expenditures; Monitor the Problem Gambling Advisory Committee and their policy decisions and DSHS funding of program services;
7. Indian Child Welfare Act: Minimize impact on ICW services; Monitor possible reductions, and advocate for increased funds; Maintain and improve ICW services; *Referred to ICW Subcommittee.*